

REMARKS

Claims 19-25 and 37-41 remain pending in the application. Claims 19 (as amended) and 37 are independent claims. Claim 19 has been amended, and Claims 1-18 and 26-36 have been cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are hereby respectfully requested.

Examiner has provisionally rejected Claims 1-18 and 26-36 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-241 of co-pending App. No. 10/187,030 (US 2003/0081902) in view of either Bradley (US5123070) or Liu (US 2002/0197013). Examiner has rejected Claims 1-18 and 26-36 variously under USC §102 as anticipated by Bradley or Liu, or under USC §103 as unpatentable over Liu or unpatentable over Liu in view of Bradley. The rejections are obviated, since Claims 1-18 and 26-36 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Examiner has objected to Claims 19-25 as dependent upon a rejected base claim. The objection is obviated, since Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the elements and limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 18. Claims 20-25 are dependent on Claim 19.

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 19-25 and 37-41 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of Claims 19-25 and 37-41 an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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